House constructed under IAY in Orissa

4855. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many houses have been destroyed in the last super cyclone of Orissa;

(b) the total number of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana sanctioned and the total amount released by the Central Government; and

(c) how many houses under Indira Awaas Yojana have already been constructed an already handed over to the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Survey of RD Programmes

4856. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any periodical survey and study of the progress made of the Rural Development especially in the availability of water, roads, education and health care in the country; and

(b) if so, the details and the progress made thereon, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Safe drinking water in Maharashtra, Gujarat and M.P.

†4857. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the fixed target achieved by Government with regard to provding safe portable water in the rural areas of the country;

(b) the progress made so far in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time bound programme for achieving cent-percentage target in this direction by the year 2000; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the total amount for which provision has been made for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA): (a) The National Agenda for Governarce of the Government envisages provision of drinking water to all rural habitations in the country in five years time. As per the information furnished upto 1st March, 2000 by the State Governments, out of 1430543 rural habitations in the country, 26481 habitations are Not Covered (NC), 211685 habitations are Partially Covered (PC) and 1192377 habitations are Fully Covered (FC) with access to drinking water facilities.

(b) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject. The State Governments implements the programme under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). As per the information furnished by the State Governments of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, the coverage status of habitations is as under :

Name of the State	Status as on 1.3.2000			
State	NC	PC	FC	TOTAL
Maharashtra	1199	29931	45994	77124
Gujarat	335	3727	26207	30269
Rajasthan	3056	3557	65433	104066

As the powers to plan, sanction and implement their individual water supply schemes have been delegated to the States, the district-wise information is not maintained at the Central level.

(c) In accordance with the objective of providing drinking water to all rural habitations in five years, all the States were requested to prepare action plans to provide drinking water to all rural habitations in five years. Action plans in respect of all the States/UTs have been received, except A & N Islands. This objective could be achieved, subject to availability of funds.

(d) The central outlay for Rural Water Supply Programme during the Ninth Plan period is Rs. 8150.00 crore and the proposed central outlay for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 1960.00 crore.